



**Voice of the
western wind!**

**John B. Herbert
(1852-1927)**

John Bunyan Herbert (1852-1927) was born in Cambridge, Ohio. A year later, his family moved to Monmouth, Illinois, where he received his early education. He bought a book on harmony at age 14 and spent his spare time mastering the subject. He attended Monmouth College, and was its first graduate. At his father's insistence, he attended the Hahnemann-Medical College of Chicago and set up practice in Monmouth. He continued to study music, sang in a church choir, and organized a male quartet that appeared at several of the national Prohibition Conventions and many Chautauquas. George Root visited Monmouth and they became good friends. After studying with George Root and Philip Bliss, he closed his medical practice to work with music full time. At one time, Herbert taught at the Southern Development Normal music school in Waco, Texas. There he taught many future composers of Gospel hymns. He died in Monmouth, Illinois. He composed many hymns, glees and part-songs. He also wrote political songs, a harmony method text, a book on how to write accompaniments for songs, and a collection of settings of songs from the plays of Shakespeare. His most popular composition was his 1891 setting of "Away in a manger."

Voice of the western wind!
Thou singest from afar,
Rich with the music of a land
Where all my memories are;
But in thy song I only hear
The echo of a tone
That fell divinely on my ear
In days forever flown.

Star of the western sky!
Thou beamest from afar,
With lustre caught from eyes I knew
Whose orbs were each a star;
But, oh, those orbs— too wildly bright—
No more eclipse thine own,
And never shall I find the light
Of days forever flown!

Edmund Clarence Stedman (1833-1908)

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Andante

S Voice of the west-ern wind! _____ Voice of the west - ern wind! Thou

A _____ Voice of the west-ern wind! _____ the west - ern wind! Thou

T _____ Voice of the west - ern wind! Thou

B _____ Voice of the west-ern wind! _____ Thou

5 S sing - est from a - far, Rich with the mu - sic of a

A sing - est from a - far, Rich with the

T sing - est from a - far,

B sing - est from a - far,

8 S land, _____ Rich with the mu - sic of a land Where all my

A mu - sic of a land, Rich with the mu - sic of a land Where all my

T Rich with the mu - sic of a land, _____ mu - sic of a land Where all my

B _____ Rich with the mu - sic of a land Where all my



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rit. *a tempo*

11

S mem - 'ries are; But in thy song I on - ly hear

A mem - 'ries are; But in thy song I on - ly hear

T mem - 'ries are;

B mem - 'ries are;

ad lib.

15

S The ech - o of a tone That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

A The ech - o of a tone That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

T The ech - o of a tone That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

B The ech - o of a tone That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

rit.

19

S days for - ev - er flown, That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

A days for - ev - er flown, That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

T days for - ev - er flown, That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

B days for - ev - er flown, That fell di - vine - ly on my ear In

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Tempo 1

23

S days for - ev - er flown. Star of the west - ern sky! _____

A days for - ev - er flown. Star of the west - ern

T days for - ev - er flown.

B days for - ev - er flown.

27

S Star of the west - ern sky! Thou beam - est from a -

A sky! _____ the west - ern sky! Thou beam - est from a -

T Star of the west - ern sky! Thou beam - est from a -

B Star of the west - ern sky! _____ Thou beam - est from a -

30

S far, With ___ lus - tre caught from eyes I knew, _____

A far, With ___ lus - tre caught from eyes I knew,

T far, With ___ lus - tre caught from eyes I

B far, With ___ lus - tre

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33 *rit.*

S With lus - tre caught from eyes I knew Whose orbs were each a

A With lus - tre caught from eyes I knew Whose orbs were each a

T knew, caught from eyes I knew Whose orbs were each a

B caught from eyes I knew Whose orbs were each a

36 *a tempo*

S star; But oh, those orbs - too wild - ly bright - - -

A star; But oh, those orbs - too wild - ly bright - - -

T star;

B star;

39 *ad lib.*

S No more e-clipse thine own, And nev - er shall I

A No more e-clipse thine own, And nev - er shall I

T No more e-clipse thine own, And nev - er shall I

B No more e - clipse thine own, And nev - er shall I

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42

S find the light Of days for - ev - er flown, And

A find the light Of days for - ev - er flown, And

T find the light Of days for - ev - er flown, And

B find the light Of days for - ev - er flown, And

45

rit.

S nev - er shall I find the light Of days for - ev - er flown!

A nev - er shall I find the light Of days for - ev - er flown!

T nev - er shall I find the light Of days for - ev - er flown!

B nev - er shall I find the light Of days for - ev - er flown!

W. W. Whitney
(1877)

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